GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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INDO-MAURITIUS COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mauritius Deputy Premier had discussion with him and expressed the desire of his country to work with India in various fields including Bio-technology during his visit in the month of April, 2002;

(b) if so, whether any agreement between the two countries has been reached;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which both countries have agreed to work on the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a): Dr. Paul R. Berenger, Dy. Prime Minister andFinance Ministerof the Republic of Mauritius paid a courtesycall on Minister for Human Resource Developmenton 7.4.2002 during his visit to New Delhi on theinvitation of the Finance Ministerof India. In the meeting they apprised each other of the prevailing scenario in various fields such as Information and Communication Technology, Education, Economic Cooperation, and also identified the following areas for possible cooperation:-

i. undertaking research study regarding the indentured labour route;
ii. Development of tourism in Mauritius;
iii. Development of Cinema as a medium of art and culture as well as an industry
iv. Assistance to Mauritius for teaching language and conducting teacher training in Hindi language.

There was a passing reference to the MOU between Indiaand Mauritius in the field of Biotechnology signed in NewDelhi in March 2002.

(b) : No Sir.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.